

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The power of the High Power Transmitter at Patna for telecast of DD-1 programmes is 10 KW and that of the Low Power Transmitter for telecast of DD-2 programmes is 100 Watts.

(b) and (c) The transmitter for DD-2 at Patna is being replaced by a High Power Transmitter of 10 KW power by the end of 2000-2001. There is no proposal to increase the power of the existing transmitter for DD-1 at Patna.

(d) and (e) In order to further extend Doordarshan coverage in Bihar, 10 more transmitters, 5 each for DD-1 and DD-2, are, at present, being installed.

Obligatory Law for Journalists to Disclose the Source of His Report

1603. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring a law which would make it obligatory for journalists to disclose all that he or she knows and his or her source about a matter which Government are busy inquiring; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

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COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) That draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 prepared by the Law Commission contains provisions by which a duty is cast on every person to disclose information relating to commission of, or intention of commission of an offence defined under the Bill by any person. Similar provisions also exist in the Indian Penal Code 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The Government has invited the views of all State Governments on the provisions of the Bill.

Grant of Accreditation to Advertising Agencies

1604. SHRI S. RAMA CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the norms followed to give accreditation to advertising agencies from whom advertisements are accepted;

(b) what is the advertising commercial rates for different slots on Doordarshan; and

(c) the commission given to the accredited advertising agencies during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The commercial rate Card of Doordarshan is a public document and any amendments in it are also communicated to advertising agencies.

(c) List of agency-wise commission for the last 3 years is given in the annexed statement.